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STICKS & STONES
SONIC!
TAILS!
KNUCKLES!
AMY!
THIS IS IT! THE FINAL STRAW!
TODAY'S CHEF: IAN FLYNN
YOUR SERVERS: RYAN JAMPOLE & JENNIFER HERNANDEZ
CATCH OF THE DAY: RICK BRYANT
ON TAP: MATT HERMS
HOUSE SPECIAL: JACK MORELLI
SOUP OF THE DAY #1: TRACY YARDLEY, RICK BRYANT & MATT HERMS
SOUP OF THE DAY #2: DIANA SKELLY, RICK BRYANT & STEVE DOWNER
TRY THE: VINCENT LOVALLO
WITH A SIDE OF: PAUL KAMINSKI
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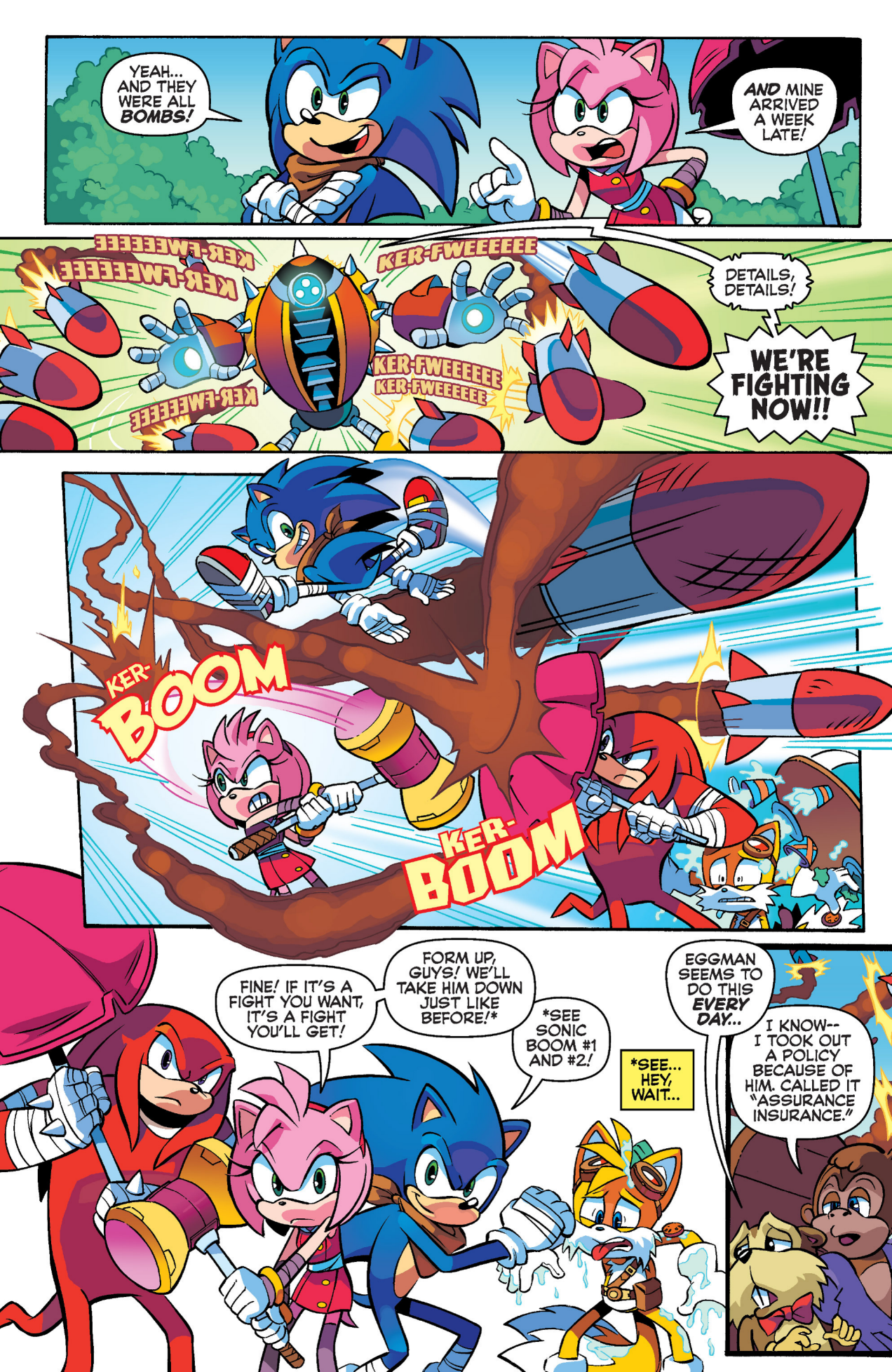
I'VE UPGRADED MY BIG BOY MECH THREE TIMES NOW!* WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE OUR CLIMACTIC BATTLE ON THE BEACH AN HOUR AGO!
BUT YOU LEFT ME STANDING ON THE SHORE LIKE A CHUMP!
*BIG BOY V1.0 DEBUTED IN SB#1**
**WHAT? YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE SAFE FROM THESE? HAHAHAHAHA...
Oh...YEAH, WE HAD THAT RUNNING THEME GOING FOR THIS STORY ARC, DIDN'T WE?
SORRY, EGGMAN, WE TOTALLY FORGOT.
THEY... FORGOT...?
HOW COULD YOU BE SO INCONSIDERATE??! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEROES!!
I EVEN SENT YOU ALL BIRTHDAY CARDS!!


YEAH... AND THEY WERE ALL BOMBS!
AND MINE ARRIVED A WEEK LATE!
KER-FWEEEEEE
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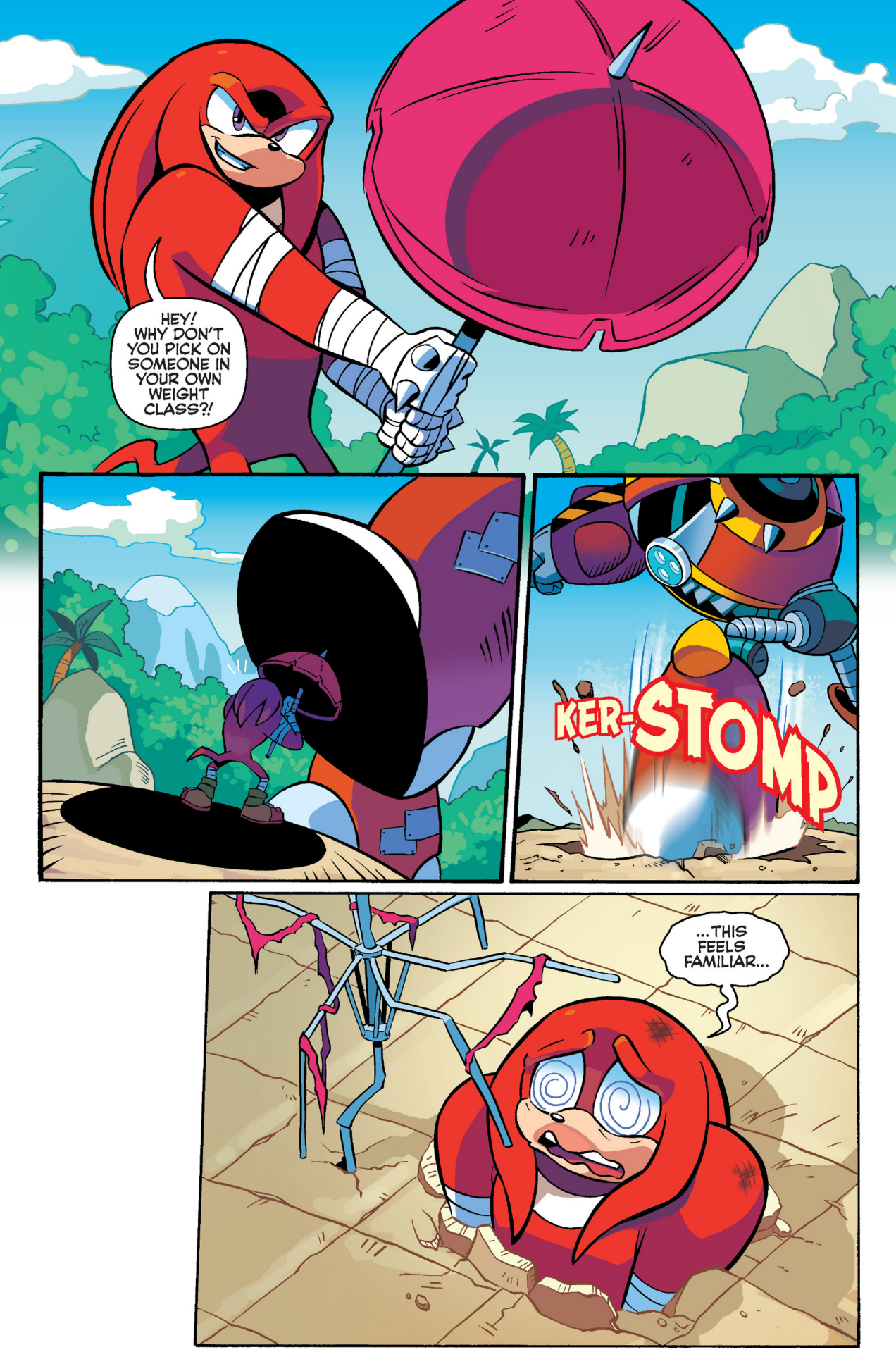
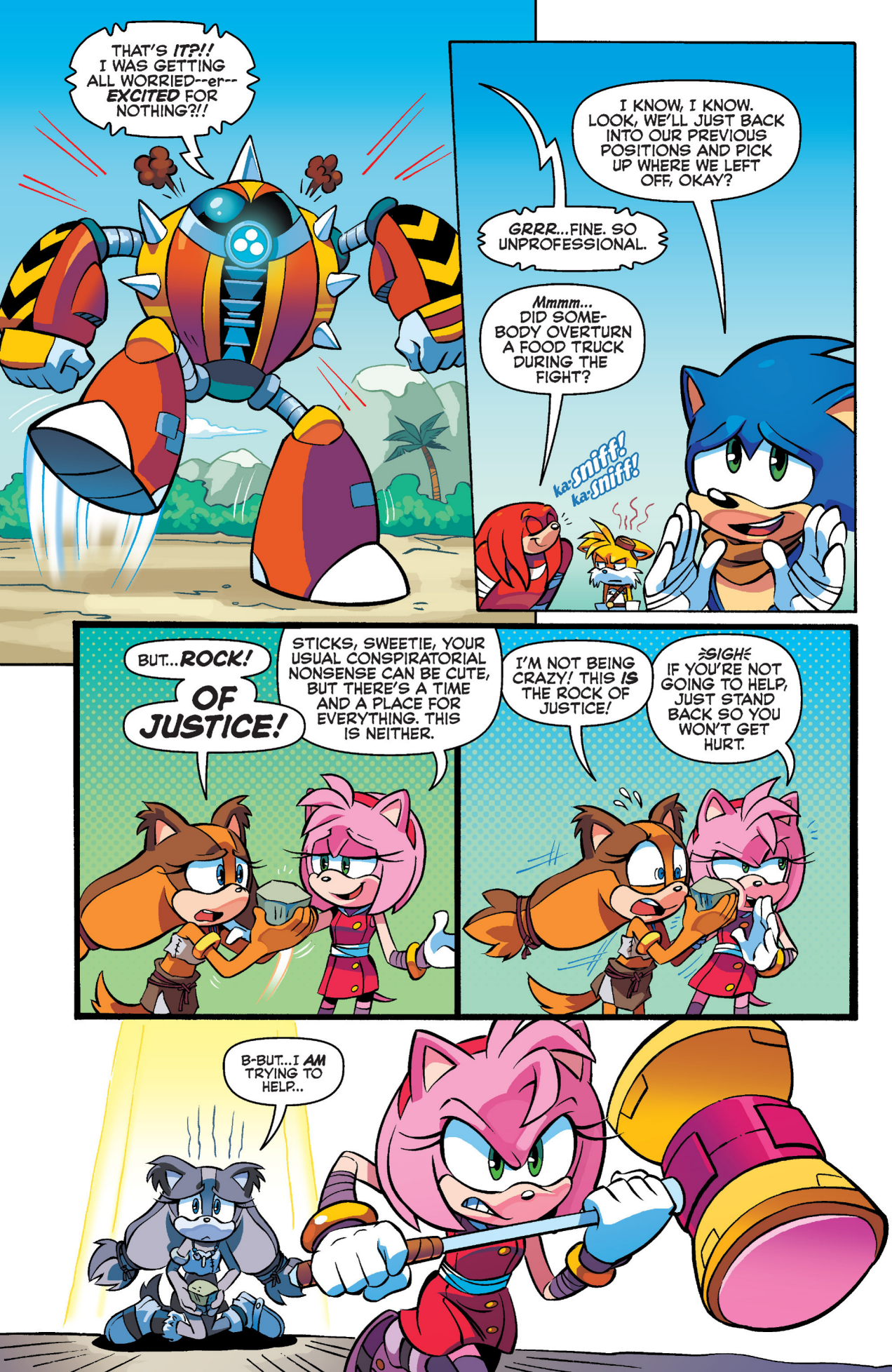
KER-FWEEEEEE
DETAILS, DETAILS!
WE'RE FIGHTING NOW!!
KER-BOOM
KER-BOOM
FINE! IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, IT'S A FIGHT YOU'LL GET!
FORM UP, GUYS! WE'LL TAKE HIM DOWN JUST LIKE BEFORE!*
*SEE SONIC BOOM #1 AND #2!
*SEE... HEY, WAIT...
EGGMAN SEEMS TO DO THIS EVERY DAY...
I KNOW-- I TOOK OUT A POLICY BECAUSE OF HIM. CALLED IT "ASSURANCE INSURANCE."

ONE SPIN DASH TO THE FACE, COMING RIGHT--
--WHOOP!
KER-SPROING
YOU'D BETTER HAVE WINDSHIELD WIPERS INSTALLED, EGGMAN!
ker-RATTA-TATA-TAT-RATTA-TATA-TAT
GYEEP!
OR ANTI-AIR GUNS! THOSE WORK TOO!
I'LL GET BEHIND IT AND GO FOR THE KNEES!
ker-RATTA-TATA-TAT RATTA-TATA-TAT
AHHH! BUTT-GUN!*
* EW, GROSS


HEY! WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE IN YOUR OWN WEIGHT CLASS?!
KER-STOMP
...THIS FEELS FAMILIAR...

Huh... THAT DIDN'T GO TOO WELL.
HE ACTUALLY UPGRADED THAT THING TO BE A THREAT!
YEAH, SO... NOW WHAT?
KER-MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SAVE THE DAY! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME--
STICKS™!
???
FOR I HAVE BROUGHT-- IT! THE LEGENDARY WEAPON THAT TIME FORGOT!
GREAT!
...THE WHAT-NOW?

IN THE ERA BEFORE TIME...
...WHEN "GOOD" AND "EVIL" WERE IN THEIR INFANCY...
...A WEAPON WAS FORGED TO ENSURE THE LIGHT ALWAYS DROVE BACK THE DARK!
AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING--I FOUND IT! THE TIMELESS TOTEM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS! THE ETERNAL WEAPON OF COUNTLESS HEROES PAST! THE SINGLE MOST POWERFUL RELIC IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!
The ROCK of JUSTICE!
...WHAT?


THAT'S IT?!! I WAS GETTING ALL WORRIED--er-- EXCITED FOR NOTHING?!!
I KNOW, I KNOW. LOOK, WE'LL JUST BACK INTO OUR PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF, OKAY?
GRRR...FINE. SO UNPROFESSIONAL.
Mmmm... DID SOME-BODY OVERTURN A FOOD TRUCK DURING THE FIGHT?
ka-sniff! ka-sniff!
BUT...ROCK! OF JUSTICE!
STICKS, SWEETIE, YOUR USUAL CONSPIRATORIAL NONSENSE CAN BE CUTE, BUT THERE'S A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING. THIS IS NEITHER.
I'M NOT BEING CRAZY! THIS IS THE ROCK OF JUSTICE!
SIGH IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP, JUST STAND BACK SO YOU WON'T GET HURT.
B-BUT...I AM TRYING TO HELP...

Oh, WHAT'S THE POINT? MY DAY OF GLORIOUS TRIUMPH HAS BEEN RUINED.
FORGOTTEN AT THE BEACH, NOW INSULTED BY THIS RIDICULOUS ROCK TALK...
...MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GO HOME.
WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT? THIS IS THE FURTHEST YOU'VE GOTTEN SO FAR!
YEAH! LAST ISSUE, WE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT OUT THE DOOR!
HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THAT!
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE THE MAIN VILLAIN. THEY NEED YOU TO MENACE THEM CONSTANTLY. WHAT WOULD THEY DO WITHOUT--
--DR. EGGMAN™?!
OH-HO-HO... YOU SLY DEVIL, USING A LOGO.
FINE, THEN!
ONWARD! TO VILLAINOUS, EGGY VICTORY!

KER-SMASH
GUYS! JUST USE THE ROCK OF JUSTICE!
KER-SHUNK
KER-SHUNK
KER-SHUNK
KER-BOOM
SPECIAL ONE TIME OFFER ON A ROCK OF JUSTICE!
KER-SWATT
FINE THEN! MAYBE I'LL KEEP IT TO MYSELF?
NOT... THIS... TIME!
WON'T SOMEBODY TAKE IT?!

WE NEED TO SYNERGIZE! SONIC-- GRAB ON!
GOTCHA!
KER-FWEEEEEEE
KER-LMEEEEE
KER-PING
KER-PING
KER-PING
?!
KER-TWANG
WOO!

KNUCKLES! LET'S DO THE "HAMMER THROW!"
YOU GOT IT!
KER-SNAG
KER-SPIN
KER-THROW
KER-TENNIS
KER-THWOK
HAHAHA!!

FINE! I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL SHOW YOU ALL!!

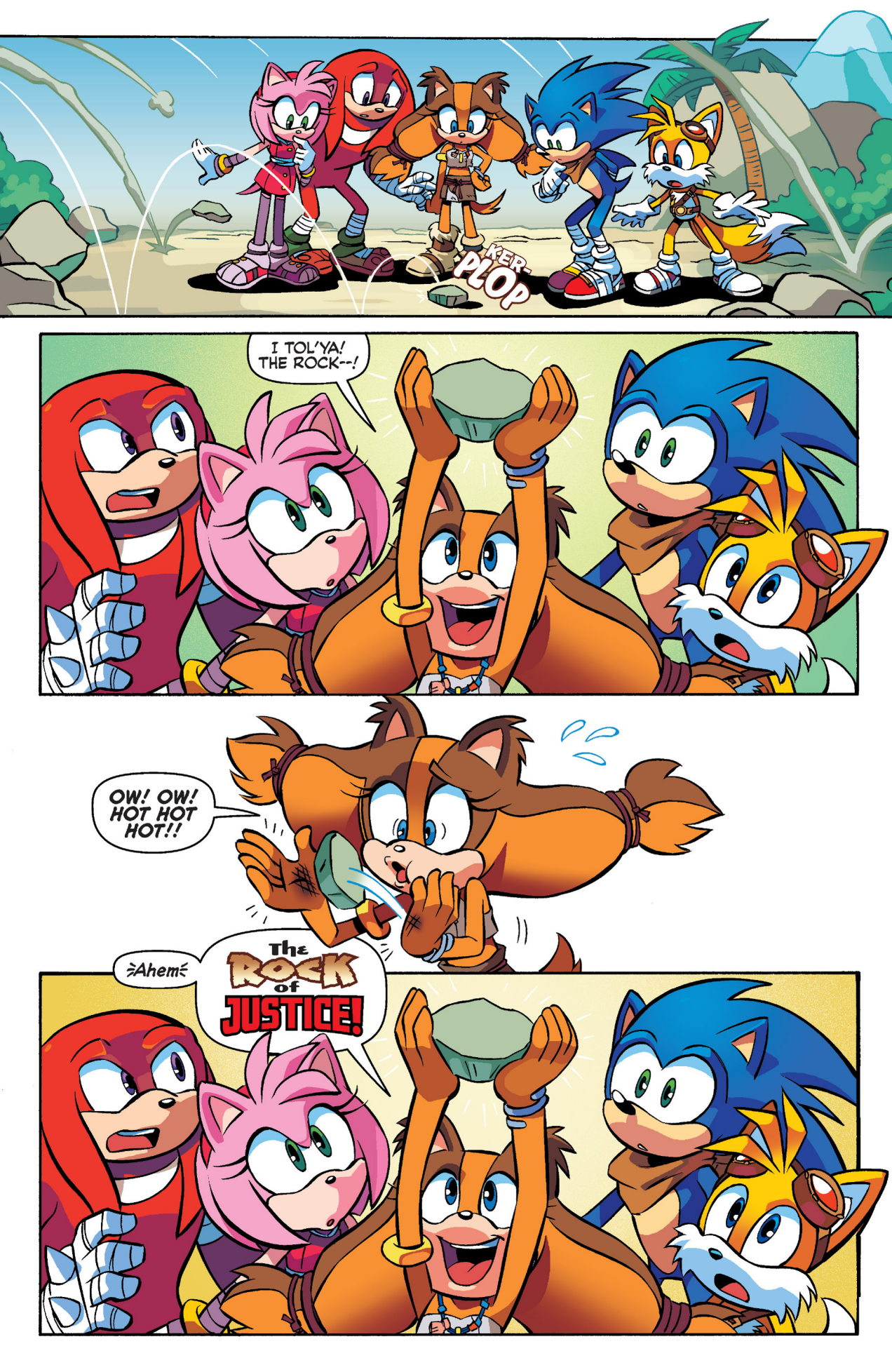
ROCK OF JUSTICE-- GO!!

KER-KLANG

KER-PING

KER-BLAM

KER-BLARP
KER-SSSSSSSS
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO STOP ME!!
KER-KRASH
B-BUT...I HAD ANTI-HAMMER ARMOR INSTALLED ON THE INSIDE!
Ah, BUT NOT ANTI-ROCK ARMOR!


KER-PLOP
I TOL'YA! THE ROCK--!
OW! OW! HOT HOT HOT!!
Ahem
The ROCK of JUSTICE!

THIS ISN'T OVER! I'LL BE BACK! WITH MORE ROBOTS! MORE SCHEMES!
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME!!
EEP!
S-SORRY! I'LL BE GOING NOW!
DON'T ANGER THE ROCK!
MERCY!
KER-
FLEE

WAY TO GO, STICKS! YOU AND THE ROCK OF JUSTICE REALLY SAVED THE DAY!
I'M SO SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU!
HOW DOES IT WORK? I GOTTA KNOW!
C-CAN I HAVE THE ROCK'S AUTOGRAPH?
WHAT'S THAT?
HOLD ON...
IT USED UP ALL ITS POWER DEFEATING DR. EGGMAN! IT'S FINISHED!!
IF ONLY WE HAD LISTENED TO YOU EARLIER...
THANK YOU, ROCK OF JUSTICE. FOR EVERYTHING.

AFTER A TEARFUL WAKE FOR OUR FALLEN HERO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY?
YEAH. THANKS, AMY. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.
IT WAS AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOU, ROCK OF JUSTICE.
Ah, WELL. INTO THE PILE WITH THE REST OF 'EM!
ker-CLACK

Grrrr... I SPENT FOUR WHOLE ISSUES ON THE BIG BOY! WHAT A WASTE!
WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, BOSS.
"BETTER TO HAVE BUILT AND LOST THAN NEVER TO HAVE BUILT AT ALL."
TRUE--ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, AND I'M THE STAR!
FORGET THE BIG BOY! WAIT UNTIL SONIC AND THOSE FUZZY FOOLS--
--GET A LOAD OF THIS!
THE SONIC ADVENTURES DON'T END HERE! CHECK OUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and SONIC UNIVERSE EACH MONTH, the SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE and SONIC SUPER DIGEST EACH QUARTER, and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY ANYTIME-- EVERY TIME!!
COME BACK NEXT MONTH WHEN WE FIND OUT WHAT THAT SCARY THING IS... OR... WAIT, WILL WE? WHAT DOES THE SCRIPT SAY?? NO, THIS ISN'T A BAD TIME FOR THAT. GIVE IT HERE! Hmmm...Oh, WOW! HOLY SMOKES! WAIT--REALLY??! AND THEN THEY ALL...?!!!

SONIC BOOM BLAST! PRESENTS...

OFF PANEL

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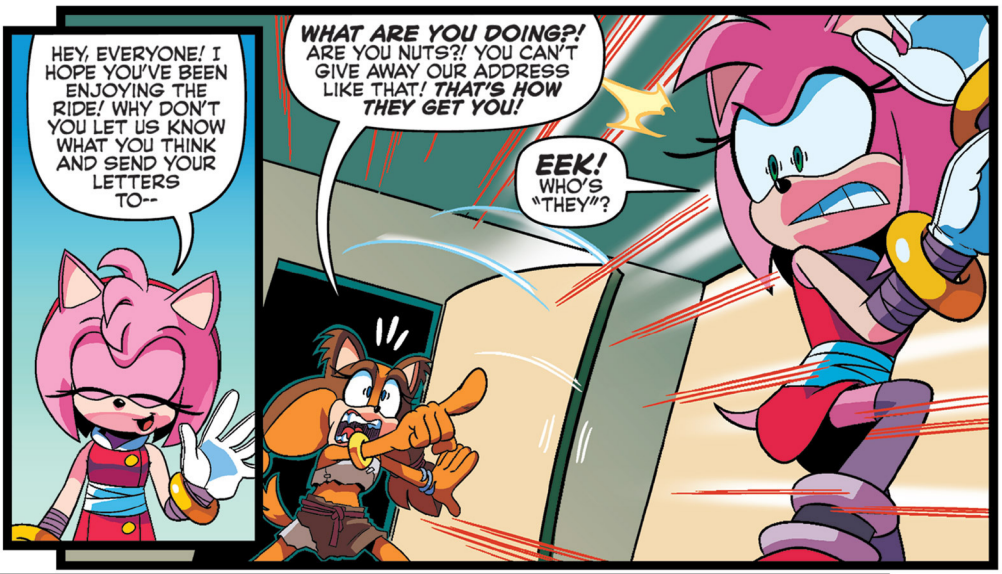
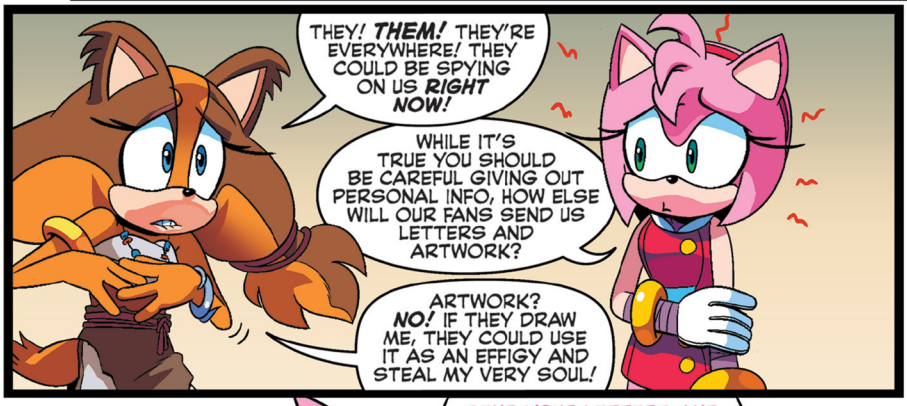
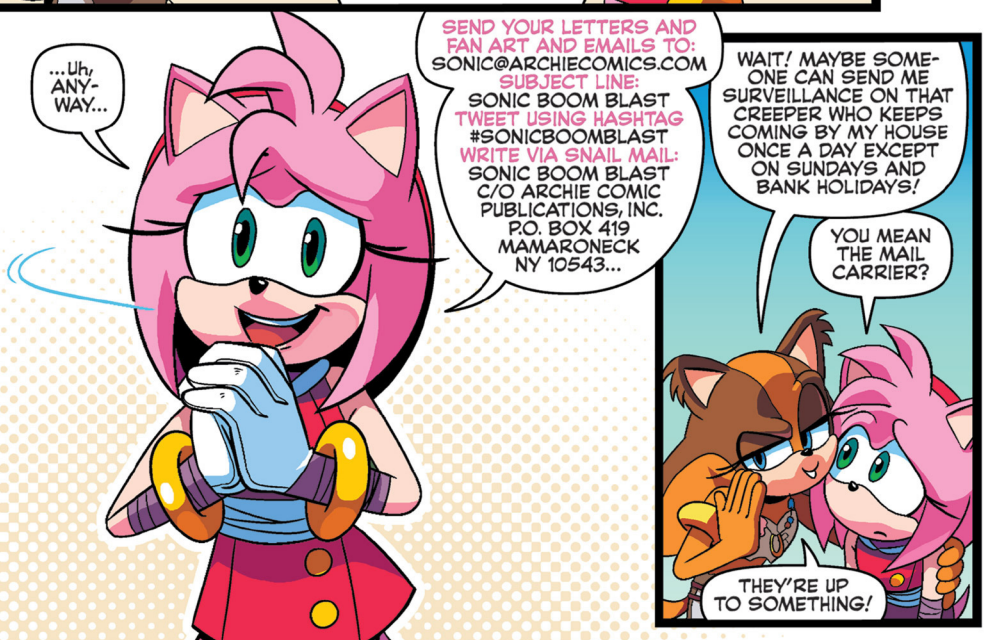

HEY, EVERYONE! I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING THE RIDE! WHY DON'T YOU LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK AND SEND YOUR LETTERS TO--
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! ARE YOU NUTS?! YOU CAN'T GIVE AWAY OUR ADDRESS LIKE THAT! THAT'S HOW THEY GET YOU!
EEK! WHO'S "THEY"?


THEY! THEM! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE! THEY COULD BE SPYING ON US RIGHT NOW!
WHILE IT'S TRUE YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL GIVING OUT PERSONAL INFO, HOW ELSE WILL OUR FANS SEND US LETTERS AND ARTWORK?
ARTWORK? NO! IF THEY DRAW ME, THEY COULD USE IT AS AN EFFIGY AND STEAL MY VERY SOUL!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NY 10543...
WAIT! MAYBE SOMEONE CAN SEND ME SURVEILLANCE ON THAT CREEPER WHO KEEPS COMING BY MY HOUSE ONCE A DAY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS!
YOU MEAN THE MAIL CARRIER?
THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING!